

*Proceedings on Adjournment Motion*

**Mr. Knowles:** Has he found some more money?

**Mr. Starr:** Ten o'clock.

**PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT  
MOTION**

A motion to adjourn the house under provisional standing order 39A deemed to have been moved.

**CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION—  
FRENCH LANGUAGE STATIONS IN ENGLISH  
SPEAKING PROVINCES**

[*Translation*]

**Mr. Maurice Allard (Sherbrooke):** Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, November 8 last, I put to the Secretary of State (Miss LaMarsh) the following question:

With regard to the preparations for the centennial celebrations which should prompt cultural duality to promote national unity, does the minister consider recommending to the C.B.C. the opening of new French stations in the nine English provinces of the country, especially in the Windsor and Essex areas?

I am happy tonight to be able to make some remarks and to invite the minister, through her parliamentary secretary, to take quick action in that field.

In fact, the centennial celebrations, next year, will be a unique occasion to bring the Canadian people together and to illustrate true national understanding.

There will be every reason then to display all throughout Canada, to the eyes of all Canadians and foreign visitors alike, the bicultural character of our country.

Understanding and national unity must not remain empty words. In order to attain such objectives, it is imperative to give equal treatment to our Canadian people whether they belong to either one of our two great cultures: English culture and French culture.

If the C.B.C. contends sometimes that its budget is not adequate to meet such objectives, it is the duty of the government and the parliament to make available to that crown corporation, the amounts necessary to our dual cultural development.

The first report of the Laurendeau-Dunton Commission on bilingualism and biculturalism has shown that there is in Canada a serious crisis which springs from Quebec and French Canada.

That serious crisis exists because until today French Canadians did not get equal treatment as far as recognition of their language and their culture are concerned.

[Mr. Starr.]

Television and radio become for the government and the C.B.C. a wonderful vehicle to redress those grievances, to stress once for all the enriching and bicultural character of Canada, to inspire to all Canadians a real and common patriotism in justice, equality and realistic understanding.

That is why I am urging the Secretary of State to recommend to the government to put the necessary funds at the disposal of the C.B.C. and to strongly urge the latter to open up as soon as possible new French radio stations in the country's nine English provinces.

• (10:00 p.m.)

We know that for a long time the French Radio and Television Association of Southern Ontario has been asking that a French radio station be established for 1967 in the Windsor and Essex areas. I hope the government and the C.B.C. will finally take steps to give Canada dynamic and bicultural organizations.

**Mr. Albert Béchard (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State):** Mr. Speaker, the speech just made by the hon. member for Sherbrooke (Mr. Allard) is most praiseworthy. He must know that I for one, like the hon. minister, the government and the C.B.C., agree with him.

I do not think it is necessary, Mr. Speaker, to repeat here the policy of the government with regard to bilingualism and biculturalism. The sustained efforts of the present government and party in power, since the advent of broadcasting, to extend to the French population across the country the benefits of radio, in its own language, are well known. Suffice it to mention the French language radio stations, for instance, at Gravelbourg, Saskatchewan, Moncton, New Brunswick, St. Boniface, Manitoba, and Toronto where, I believe, there is a French language radio station which has aroused a good deal of talk.

Mr. Speaker, much remains to be done in that field. However, complying with the wishes of the hon. member for Sherbrooke, for the centennial year, that is, setting up French language radio stations in every province and where there are important French speaking groups, across Canada, would be, to echo the words of the hon. member for Villeneuve (Mr. Caouette), physically and financially impossible and unachievable.

Mr. Speaker, recent studies on broadcasting carried out at the request of the government